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Dear Sir:

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the application as follows.

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In the Specification:

On page 4, please replace the paragraph from lines 18-31 with the following:

In another respect, disclosed herein is a slip ring apparatus, including a first slip ring component and a second slip ring component. The first slip ring component may include a first slip ring component substrate that includes a circular platter having a first planar interface surface defined thereon, with at least one first dynamic interface component supported by the ~~first~~ first slip ring component substrate. The second slip ring